GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:109
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PENDING CASES OF PROVIDENT FUND
A. KRISHNASWAMY

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases are lying pending for the payment of Provident Fund;

(b) if so, the number of such cases as on date particularly in Tamil Nadu, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for their pendency;and

(d) the steps Being taken by the Government for early settlement of these cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): A statement showing pending Provident Fund claims, region wise, as on 30.09.2001 is annexed. The PF claim complete in all respects are required to be settled within 30 days from the date of their receipt in the concerned Employees` Provident Fund Office. However, sometimes settlement of PF claims is delayed due to incomplete application forms, lack of succession certificates, photographs etc. A computerization programme has been launched in Employees Provident Fund Organisation for prompt settlement of PF claims. Procedures and rules have been reviewed and simplified for facilitating expeditious disposal of EPF claims.Public Grievances machinery has been strengthened and computerized. The vigilance machinery has also been strengthened and activated to check and prevent malafide delays in settlement of PF claims. Lok Adalats are being organised in the EPF offices for on-the-spot redressal of grievances of EPF subscribers. Facilitation centres for providing updated information to the subscribers have also been set up.